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St John Ambulance Cadets fly the flag for YOU London

Among the many YOU London groups who braved the weather for this Lord Mayor's Procession was St John Ambulance.

They proudly waved the distinctive YOU London sail flag as they passed the Mansion House under the watchful eye of the new Lord Mayor and VIPs. Thanks to everyone who took part, including all the YOU London groups, and in particular to St John Ambulance.



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In brief ..

YOU London continues to develop across the majority of London's boroughs.

- On 9th February the uniformed youth groups have been invited by London Assembly Chairman Tony Arbour AM to a reception in London's Living Room at the Greater London Authority City Hall.
- The Greater London Lord Lieutenancy is expanding the scope of Deputy Lieutenants' Awards across London's boroughs. For the first time Fire Cadets, Volunteer Police Cadets and St John Ambulance Cadets can be nominated for the Awards which recognise outstanding achievement by individual cadets.
- New Brand Guidelines for YOU London have been drawn up and are available on the YOU London website in the Members area.
- The team of YOU London Development Workers will be meeting in early March and a YOU Board meeting is also in the pipeline.
- Some new marketing materials have been purchased including roll ups and a large YOU London flag containing all the groups' logos.
- On 11th February Volunteer Police Cadets will be holding a special awards ceremony as well as celebrating 30 years of VPC in London. YOU partners have been invited to attend.
- Please register for access to the YOU London website Members area (bottom of Home page) so as to access other useful YOU London resources. www.youlondon.org.uk
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Cub Renewal of Promise

Cub Scouts and volunteers from 29th Purley Scout Group have celebrated 100 years of adventure with a Cubs 100 Promise Party at the House of Commons.

The Party took place on 16th December - 100 years to the day since the Cub section was launched. At 19.16pm the Cub Scouts joined with thousands of others around the UK in renewing their Cub Scout Promise, pledging to do their best and help other people.

The young people had a fantastic time, having been invited to the Houses of Parliament by Chris Philp, MP for Croydon South.

The Cubs were shown around both Houses by Mr Philp, before being granted the privilege of renewing their Scout promise at 19:16 in the auspicious setting of the Commons Chamber.

Afterwards Mr Philp handed each Cub a certificate commemorating the event.

Jade's burning gold ambition



Jade Attfield, a Fire Cadet from the Havering unit, has a burning ambition to win gold for England in Karate, having already become a double Silver medallist at the "Scottish International Open" in successive years.

Since joining the Fire Cadets and graduating from the Fire Cadet Course with a BTEC qualification, Jade has progressed to Junior Instructor where she mentors this current year of cadets with her ultimate aim to become a Firefighter within the London Fire Brigade.

Jade joined The Roding Karate Club aged four and right from the start showed a natural ability in karate, progressing rapidly and taking her black belt qualification as young as 11. She has an excellent work ethic, dedicating all of her spare time to karate training, giving up holidays along the way to be one of the most promising talents in the sport.

Through her performances, Jade came to the attention of the National Team Selectors and has now been chosen for the first time to represent England in the upcoming "European Karate Championships" in Bulgaria this February.

Relying solely on her parents to fund her passion, due to karate not being a funded sport, these events really do add up in cost, travelling large distances for training and competition both nationally and internationally and any help really does make a difference.

As her instructor at the Fire Cadets I'm immensely proud of Jade both as a Cadet and a young person who has come a long way and made huge positive progress. I would hope that we can get behind Jade's fundraising efforts in some way and show support and encouragement to a member of our YOU London community and help send her to Bulgaria to represent England Internationally, representing the YOU London community and of course the Fire Cadets.

I think this is an inspiring story of one of our young people thriving on our programme and in our community and it would be wonderful to follow up with a report back on her journey to Bulgaria, where hopefully she brings back the gold for England

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jade-attfield

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At the beginning of the October half-term break, the Air Scout Troop from the 44th Croydon Scout Group joined hundreds of others from around the country at a camp in Cornwall to celebrate 75 years of Air Scouting. After a sleepover at the Scout hut on the Friday night and an early 6.30 pm departure for Cornwall on the Saturday, Scouts and their Leaders enjoyed the many activities on offer at the 4 days camp organised to celebrate the anniversary.

As well as the adventurous activities the Scouts normally enjoy at camp, they also took part in a number of aviation-based activities, including a visit to an aviation museum, a tour 'air side' of Newquay Airport, and a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) session delivered by the RAF.

At the Aviation Heritage Centre the Scouts were excited to be able to sit in several cockpits of planes and among many other planes on display they also enjoyed a tour of a VC10, originally built as a commercial airliner but also the mainstay of the RAF's air-to-air refuelling fleet for many years and was retired in 2013 to become a permanent part of the Classic Air Force collection. At Newquay Airport's Fire Station the 'Trojan' fire appliance was on show and the Scouts clambered on board to listen to all the facts and figures regarding this huge beast of a vehicle, weighing in at 36 tons!

A further highlight at the airport was the trip to the new HM Coastguard Search and Rescue Base including a guided tour of the new £25m search and rescue helicopter. The Scouts were given the opportunity to go inside the helicopter with the pilots explaining its different functions and equipment.

Air Scouts began in 1941 during the Second World War as provision for young people too young for the Air Training Corps.

But air activities formed part of the Scouting programme long before then. There are 6,000 Air Scouts in England. The 44th Croydon Air Scout Troop is now looking forward to taking part in many more air activities with the help of the contacts and new friends they made at camp. Although it was a long trip back from Cornwall, there was a chance to stop off in Dorset at West Bay where a packed lunch sitting on the beach in the glorious sunshine was enjoyed by all finishing off with a delicious Cornish ice cream, the only difficulty was having to choose from over 30+ flavours!

The feedback from the Scouts on the whole activity camp has been brilliant.

Pat Stannard
Group Scout Leader

Celebrations at RMA Sandhurst for London Cadet Force Adult Volunteers

Four London cadet force volunteers celebrated receiving their City & Guilds Leadership and Management qualifications at CVQO's annual graduation ceremony at RMA Sandhurst in October.

Major Paul Johnson, Lieutenant Mike Ryan and Sergeant Major Instructor David Sigona of Middlesex and NW London Army Cadet Force and Chief Petty Officer Bill McCarthy of London Area Sea Cadet Corps all successfully completed a City & Guilds Membership qualification, a vocational qualification comparable to a Master's degree.

CVQO chairman The Lord Lingfield presided over the ceremony with which included 200 graduates, award winners and honoured guests. The ceremony recognises the achievements of adult volunteers who devote their spare time to running youth group and cadet units across the UK. Through the UK-based charity, these volunteers are able to study for leadership and management qualifications accredited by both City & Guilds and the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM).

The qualifications acknowledge the skills adult volunteers develop while running the youth groups, meaning they gain something internationally recognised and tangible that can be used to further their own careers or education.

Major Paul Johnson said: "Today has been fantastic and it's great to see so many Cadet Force Adult Volunteers here. I've been in the Army Cadet Force for many years, so to have a qualification that recognises the skills I learned there is amazing.

"Working with cadets is what it's all about. It's so important that we look after them when they come into the system and great that we're able to set examples by taking on vocational qualifications just as they can."

CVQO chief executive Guy Horridge said: "For our graduates here today to find the time to do any of these qualifications where most have a busy work life, home life and cadet life is nothing short of amazing.

"But what is really fantastic is that each and every one is setting a great example to the cadets to show them that learning can be fun and also very rewarding.

"What they are doing is not just helping young people make the best of their lives, but also helping to create role models for the future and both of those I would suggest are essential for our country to succeed."





YOU London re-energised in Ealing Borough

Ealing Police Station was host in December to a meeting of YOU London group representatives chaired by Representative Deputy Lieutenant Richard Kornicki. Ealing borough is not new to YOU London as until a couple of years ago it ran a very good inter group competition. Extending and re-energising this was on the agenda as well as the idea of creating a borough uniformed youth map.

The meeting was attended by YOU London's development worker Michael Nolan who said:

"At the very least groups in the borough ought to know and be able to make contact with each other, coming together wherever that is appropriate or desirable. Several boroughs have had successful competitions and fun days which YOU London has supported financially. These have led to a better understanding and closer partnership. We wish Ealing well in its future plans."

Right - 342 Sqn ATC were winners of the last inter group competition in 2013



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Anti - Bullying Week

In November six LFB Fire Cadets were lucky enough to be invited to an event at Speakers House in the House of Commons for a parliamentary reception for Anti-Bullying Week by a great organisation we are working with called the Anti-Bullying Alliance.

It was a wonderful event with some very inspirational and important speakers. One of our many amazing young people that has made the LFB journey through our LIFE programme and then through Fire Cadets for two years, and is now an adult Volunteer Cadet Instructor, De'Niro Murray, was asked to speak about how he uses his 'Power for Good' to influence and change young people's attitude to bullying. He was, quite simply, incredible.

In his address he said:

"I was in a place full of crime/gang war today I speak to the youth, I never really thought the gang life will spread and the age of my young people get younger. I deeply hate the legacy that it left behind, it left a legacy of hate, a legacy of genocide... Black on black genocide, I speak to many ex gang members and they tell me they are sorry for their part in it but I'm deeply encouraged to see people support me which tells me I'm not alone in deeply hating this legacy and seeing it for what it really is.

No one can have a better influence on gang violence or gang culture than gang members themselves and therefore the best position to reverse this course of violence is we must do work, we must get out there and forge peace. We must stop exterminating one another, we must stop all this madness because at the end of the day we only have ourselves to blame. You must have a do or die attitude as you were as street warriors to rebuild our culture and to create a new lasting legacy, a legacy of peace. Our young people are the future we must invest in them."

It's just another reminder why we all do what we do for young people, and why it's so important to keep finding the funding to keep doing it.

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It's all about



The aim of YOU London is to work together

to support young people by maximising the benefits of the existing youth organisations. Working together takes many forms including inter-group competitions, sharing premises, exhibiting together at recruitment events in borough, or simply being aware of who is who in the boroughs' youth groups. Working together often produces for the groups much more than the sum of the individual parts can do.

Z cards

Fold out business cards sized which advertise all of the YOU London groups are available from
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